

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image formation apparatus comprises an image formation unit, a primary transfer unit for transferring toner images formed on an image holding member onto an intermediate transfer member; a secondary transfer unit for transferring toner images on the intermediate transfer member onto a recording medium; and an electrically-grounded contact member which contacts the intermediate transfer member downstream of a primary transfer position; wherein the following relation is satisfied:

$$-2.0 \leq \ln(V_{tr}) - L / (s \times \log \rho) \leq -1.0$$

where  $L$  (mm) represents the distance from the primary transfer position to a position where the intermediate transfer member first comes into contact with the contact member,  $V_{tr}$  (V) represents the absolute value of voltage applied to the primary transfer means,  $s$  (mm/sec) represents the moving speed of the intermediate transfer member, and  $\rho$  ( $\Omega/\square$ ) represents the surface resistivity of the intermediate transfer member.